

Your Pastors, Rev. Michael A. Greenwell, O. Carm and Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm., along with the Pastoral staff, Anarose, Laura, Stephani, and Deacons Chuck & Marty, want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous & Blessed New Year!

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for those already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church. There are also envelopes for those who recently registered to receive envelopes. Contact the Parish Office if you would like envelopes.

 Due to the holidays and our Parish Secretary taking vacation time, the Parish Office will be closed December 21 — January 4

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM
Begin 2017 sustainably! Consider adding at least one sustainable act per day in the new year. Some options include taking public transit or walking, choosing vegan food options, and using non-toxic cleaners. By adding some small, mindful practices, sustainability can be achieved. Sustainability is a goal and it only works if you get involved!

Operation New Socks for the Homeless
Warm their hearts by warming their feet!



Starting this weekend and continuing through the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks. With the wet weather this winter, a pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources. Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs before the end of January?

YEAREND TAX REPORTING
Letters acknowledging donations for 2016 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 4, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, at 10:00 am. Wedding anniversaries for those celebrating sacramental marriages reaching "5-year" milestones (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or more) in 2017 will be honored. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Bishop Emeritus of Yakima, Washington, and formerly a Bishop of San Francisco. Registration is required at anniversarymass.info, and a donation of \$20 is requested. For more information, contact Ed Hopfner: HopfnerE@SFArch.org or 415-614-5680

WE WELCOME YOU TO
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY THE CARMELITES




JANUARY 1, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE
Please call six months in advance.

BAPTISM & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT
As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society. The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, December 31**
Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 1**
The Sick of the Parish
10:00am The People of the Parish

8:30am **Tuesday, January 3**
The Deceased of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, January 6**
† Theresa Spalding

4:15pm **Saturday, January 7**
† Cecelia A. Greenwell
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 8**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jan 1 - NO Faith Formation
Mon, Jan 2 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Jan 3 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Virtual Green Team Meeting
6:00pm. Call 41.715.3580,
Access Code: 979-179
Sat, Jan 7 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
10:00am, Avila
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jan 8 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 31& January 1

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

January 7 & 8

There will be no second collection next week-end.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

DECEMBER 24 & 25

**To be reported next week
THANK YOU!**

The Ministers' Schedules for January & February will be sent out the first week of January. There will be copies available in the Sacristy the weekend of Jan 7/8.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 7 & 8

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: G. Femec
Bread: B. Noelke	2 Lector: T. Labuguen
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: M. Suisala
	3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Nelson	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: P. English	
Hosp: T. Lando	

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: PART II

The Twelve Days of Christmas are the days between Christmas and Epiphany. The First Day of Christmas is December 25th, and if you count the next twelve days, you'll discover that the "Twelfth Night" falls on the evening of January 5th.

The origins of the Twelve Days of Christmas are uncertain, but they have been celebrated in Europe since the middle ages. Many of the days celebrate saints, but there are also different celebrations associated with this 12-day period.

Last week I wrote about the days from Christmas through December 31st. In this week's column I'll focus on the days from New Year's to Epiphany.

Day 8. January 1st has an interesting history. It is the *Octave of Christmas*, and for much of the Church's history, both the circumcision and naming of Jesus were celebrated on this day. According to the Gospel of Luke, these took place on the eighth day following Jesus' birth.

The official title of this feast is now *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*. It should be noted that Church has always honored Mary with this title, but the actual day for celebrating this feast has moved around the liturgical calendar. For example: beginning in Portugal in 1914, the feast was celebrated on October 11th; later, in 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the October 11th celebration to the entire Church.

Following the Second Vatican Council – in 1969 – the liturgical year and calendar were revised. At that time, *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God* became the "official title" of the feast celebrated on January 1st.

Day 9. January 2nd marks the feast of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, two important 4th century Christians. Both men were bishops and theologians, and are honored and revered by both the Latin and Orthodox churches.

Day 10. January 3rd marks *The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus*. This feast remembers when Jesus was officially 'named' in the Jewish Temple, and it is celebrated by different churches on a number of different dates.

Day 11. January 4th is the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint, who lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. In the past it also celebrated the feast of Saint Simon Stylites, a curious Syrian ascetic who lived on a small platform on the top of a pillar for 47 years! (I'm not making this up.)

Day 12. The evening of January 5th is the *Twelfth Night* and marks the beginning of the *Epiphany* (January 6th). Twelfth Night is also known as Epiphany Eve. Different cultures have a number of customs surrounding this feast (for example: during Twelfth Night it was traditional for different types of pipes to be played, especially bagpipes; and in many parts of the England, people went *Wassailing*).

From a religious perspective, two things stand out. First, in many countries it's traditional on Epiphany Eve to put the figures of the Wise Men/Three Kings into the Nativity Scene in anticipation of the Epiphany on January 6th. Secondly, it's also traditional to take down Christmas decorations following Twelfth Night and Epiphany, the end of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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